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New CIA Chief Wears Impressive Credentials

Wacoans who met Vice Admiral William Raborn, father of the Navy's Polaris missile program, on the occasion of his visit here about three years ago were more than casually interested in his newest job. "Red" Raborn was appointed Sunday by President Lyndon B. Johnson to head up the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Texas-born naval leader brings to the CIA an intimate knowledge of our world situation and a proved ability to spur associates into exceeding their normal abilities in performing an assignment. Admiral Raborn rushed the Polaris missile program to success far ahead of schedule. He is pleasant in conversation, rugged in appearance and quietly competent as befits a man who will be at the center of Uncle Sam's worldwide information-gathering and evaluation service.

The new chief of the CIA and the President have more in common than their Texas nativity. Each has recovered from a heart illness, and each is living proof that heart ailments can be treated and overcome.

In the perilous times that confront the United States, it is a matter of satisfaction that such an able leader as William Raborn is taking over one of the most important positions in the top level of our government.